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Religion Textbook

# We Believe

- Advent
  - A time of preparation for the coming of the Lord
  - Four weeks
- Advent means **coming**

# We prepare for Advent

- We prepare for Advent by
  - Being faithful followers
    - Live a life that shows we are his disciples
  - Praying for Jesus to come again
  - Following the Commandments
  - Following Jesus' teachings

# Revelation 21:4

- He will wipe every tear from our eyes

# Come Lord Jesus

- We celebrate Jesus coming in our world
- We celebrate His presence in the world today

# Matthew 18:20

- For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them
- Jesus comes to us:
  - In the celebration of the Eucharist
  - In all the sacraments
  - In the love we have for each other

# Why do we pray Come Lord Jesus?

- We pray that Jesus will come to those who need him the most
- We pray that Jesus will come to us that we may share His love with others.

# As Advent comes to an end...

- We wait and prepare for to remember Jesus' first coming.
  - Just as Mary prepared for the birth of Jesus
  - We wait in anticipation!



# Feast Days During Advent

- December 12
  - Our Lady of Guadalupe
    - Patroness of the Americas
- December 9
  - Saint Juan Diego
    - To whom Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared.



# The Advent Wreath

- Week 1- 1 purple candle
- Week 2- 2 purple candles
- Week 3 – 2 purple candles, one pink candle.
- Week 4- all candles
- Evergreen-means life
- Circle of the wreath-eternity of God
- Four Candles – four weeks of  
Advent



# Meaning of Candles

- Week One                      Violet
  - **Hope**            represents the hope of the people of Israel that someone would come save them
- Week Two                      Violet
  - **Peace**           represents the peace that God has given through His Son Jesus Christ
- Week Three                      Pink
  - **Joy**               represents the joy of the shepherds as they heard the good news of Jesus' arrival
- Week Four                      Violet
  - **Love**            represents the love sent from God through His Son, Jesus Christ
- Christmas Eve                White
  - Christ Candle       represents Jesus as the Light of the World